

Circular regarding direct representations to the Police Commissioner.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

40. Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commissioner of Police has not issued a Circular (No. 3/1101, dated 25th August 1925) informing that constables are not permitted 'under any circumstances' to make any direct representations or address directly to the Commissioner, forbidding petitioning for promotion or red marks and adding that Head constables and constables can bring their grievances to the notice of the Commissioner only at his inspections;

(b) whether the Commissioner of Police has inspected since taking charge of the Department all Charging stations and Out-posts in the State, and if not, to mention the names of those which have not yet been inspected; and that

(c) if the Commissioner does not inspect all Charging stations and Out-posts regularly, how it is possible for the Head constables or constables posted at the Charging stations and Out-posts which are not regularly inspected to bring their grievances, complaints, or other matters to the notice of the Commissioner, in case the Inspectors fail, due to prejudice, envy, personal animosity or other causes to draw to the attention of the Commissioner good work done by any of their subordinates?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

(a) Yes. The Circular however does not forbid, but only states that it is highly objectionable to petition for promotion or red mark. (Vide copy appended. *Appendix V*).

(b) He has inspected all the Charging stations, but not the Out-posts of Vellarappalli, Kumbalam, Andikkadavu, Chellanam, Malippuram, Chennamangalam and Kuzhur.

(c) The Police Commissioner had occasions to come across the staff of all the Out-posts and Charging stations in some connection or other.

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If it is highly objectionable, does it mean that it amounts to being forbidden?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

It is not a Circular of the Commissioner himself. But you will find it is only enforcing the rule with regard to acting appointments, and it is absolutely necessary for the maintenance of discipline.

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Sub-division (c). In what circumstances usually, had he these occasions, and did he meet his subordinates, and how many times has he met them in connection with this answer?

(b) Which stations has he not visited and thereby declined to give his subordinates an opportunity to come there to represent their grievances?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

Well, I may mention here that it is not possible to give a statement about all such occasions. On particular occasions, especially on the days on which I happened to meet them, they can represent their genuine grievances.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Unless grievances are represented directly, how is it possible to know whether they are genuine or not?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

I am accessible to all of them.

Murder cases in 1100.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

41. Will the Government be pleased to inform:

(a) how many murder cases have occurred in the State in the year 1100 and the names of the stations within the area or jurisdiction of which they have taken place;

(b) whether the Commissioner has visited all these scenes of office (offence) and made personal enquiries or investigations regarding the reported offences (offences) with the relatives of the deceased or others;

(c) whether the Commissioner should not hold direct enquiry or investigation in cases of suspicious death regarding which there has been a conflict of opinion between the Police and Medical Officer and if so, whether the Commissioner has made personal or direct enquiry or investigation in all such cases, and if not why?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

(a) Vide the statement appended. (*Appendix VI*).

(b) No.

(c) It will depend on the circumstances of the case. So far there have been no cases which necessitated such investigation.

all ranks, that, in short vacancies acting appointments might be made for convenience to avoid disturbance of the existing arrangements, without any reference to seniority or other claims, and such acting appointments do not create a claim for the post, when it permanently falls vacant.

APPENDIX V.

COPY OF CIRCULAR NO. 3 of 1101.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 40).

"Out of sheer necessity, the undersigned is constrained to strictly enforce the provisions of Article 197 of the Police Manual, which runs as follows:—

"Any representations, constables may have to make to the Commissioner, must be made through their immediate superior who is bound to submit the same with any remarks or explanation he may have to offer to the Commissioner at the earliest opportunity. No constable should under any circumstances, address the Commissioner direct. In such cases as cannot be set right by the Inspector, he may make personal representations to the Commissioner with the permission of the Inspector. Police Officers should not apply for transfer. In deserving cases, the Inspector should recommend it and it is only then that the matter will receive consideration....."

"Petitioning for promotion or red marks is highly objectionable. Inspectors will bring with promptitude and care to the notice of the Commissioner by means of a special report any good works done by their subordinates. Should they however fail to do so, Head constables and constables can bring it to the Commissioner's notice at his inspections....."

It need not be pointed out that the above restrictions placed on the conduct of men apply with equal force to Officers as well. Both men and Officers should distinctly understand that they violate the provisions of the above Article by engineering petitions on their behalf from their parents, wives and children or by obtaining the intercession of persons known to or interested in them. The undersigned is prepared to view all real grievances of men and Officers with sympathy which the above mentioned tactics tend to alienate. The Station House Officers will read out and explain to their subordinates this circular during parade."

APPENDIX VI.

Murder Cases in 1100 M. E.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 41).

within the area of jurisdiction of the—

Ernakulam Cusba Station	3 cases (Nos. 27, 44 and 102 of 100)
Narakkal Station	1 case (No. 66 of 100)
Cranganur Station	1 case (No. 87 of 100)
Irinjalakkuda Station	1 case (No. 73 of 100)
Chalakkudi Station	1 case (No. 7 of 100)
Chittur Station	2 cases (Nos. 28 and 33 of 100)